

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 36, 37, 39, 41, 42, 44 and 45, and add new Claims 46-50, as follows:

1.-45. (Cancelled)

46. (New) A receiving apparatus for receiving television broadcasting signals, comprising:

an external interface unit for inputting, from outside of said receiving apparatus, an external user profile related to a preference of a user of another receiving apparatus;

a storing unit for storing the external user profile input by said external interface unit;

a searching unit for searching for a preferred program among a plurality of transmitted programs multiplexed in the television broadcasting signals on the basis of said external user profile stored in said storing unit;

an operation unit for receiving a user's operation instruction for selecting a channel of the preferred program searched by said searching unit;

a profile processing unit for updating the external user profile on the basis of operation history of the channel selection by said operation unit and outputting the updated external user profile to said another receiving apparatus through said external interface unit; and

a control unit for automatically deleting the external user profile in accordance with a predetermined time period elapsing from a time when the external user profile was stored in said storing unit.

47. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 46, further comprising a screen generation unit for generating a screen for inquiring of the user whether to update the external user profile on the basis of the operation history of the channel selection by said operation unit, before said profile processing unit updates the external user profile.

48. (New) A control method for a receiving apparatus for receiving television broadcasting signals, comprising the steps of:

inputting, from outside of said receiving apparatus through an external interface unit, an external user profile related to a preference of a user of another receiving apparatus;

storing the external user profile input in said inputting step;

searching for a preferred program among a plurality of transmitted programs multiplexed in the television broadcasting signals on the basis of said external user profile stored in said storing step;

receiving a user's operation for selecting a channel of the preferred program searched in said searching step;

updating the external user profile on the basis of an operation history of the channel selection in the receiving step and outputting the updated external user profile to said another receiving apparatus through the external interface unit; and

automatically deleting the external user profile in accordance with a predetermined time period elapsing from a time when the external user profile was stored in said storing step.

49. (New) A control method according to Claim 48, further comprising a step of generating a screen for inquiring of the user whether to update the external user profile on the basis of the operation history of the channel selection in said receiving step, before said updating step updates the external user profile.

50. (New) A computer-readable medium storing a computer executable program for implementing a method according to Claim 48.